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REAL ESTATE AND **BUILDING NEWS**

Visitor to City Notices and Remarks on Signs of Growth.

NEW REALTY FIRM ENTERSFIELD

Noonandson Realty Corporation Now Factor in Local Market. Another Addition to Suburban Property Comes Out in Norwood, Near Barton Heights.

There were no big sales in the rea estate market last week, and conditions, as usual at this time of the year, were dull, though not more dull than usual for the vacation season. Money is still a little "tight," though renting is still going on apace.

But the best sign of the generally healthy state of the real estate market is the continual building. There is hardly a street in Greater Richmond the erection of stores or dwellings is not going on, and in the suburbs the same thing is to be noticed. A stranger visiting the city last week remarked on the activity.

Signs of Activity. "Everywhere I went," he said. " saw signs of the city's growth, of growth which appeared remarkable to me. I went up Seventh street, up me. I went up seventh street, up beighth Street, and saw building going on. I went out on West Broad Street, and there again saw building going on. I went out into the West End, and there saw more building. In fact, everywhere I went I heard the sound of the carpenter's saw and hammer, and saw bricklayers at work. Surely Richmond is a growing city, and there must be a great future ahead for your town."

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And what this stranger said is true, for everywhere one goes he may see signs of the city's progress. There is a tremendous amount of building

signs of the city's progress. There is a tremendous amount of building being done.

Two Good Sales.

Though the market was dull, there were several sales of more or less importance, the two biggest being the sale of a Broad Street store to the Sorg Brothers, shoe dealers, for \$25,000, and the sale of a store at Broad and Munford Streets by J. B. Elam & Company for \$19,000. The purchase was made for investment purposes.

The W. H. Miles Shoe Company last week gave out a contract for a mammoth shoe factory to be erected on Franklin Street, between Fourteenth and Mayo Streets, immediately adjoining the old Ballard House. The old buildings which have stood on this site for so many years are being torn down to make way for the modern structure. The shoe firm has outgrown its present quarters at Sixth and Canal Streets, and was compelled by its increasing business to move into a more commodious building. The site for the new building is convenient to the railroads, and is in the heart of the wholesale section of the city.

J. Thompson Brown & Company sold

J. Thompson Brown & Company sold at auction last Tuesday a house on North Twenty-fourth Street, as advertised in The Times-Dispatch for \$1,125. The same firm will sell at auction at 6 o'clock next Wednesday another Church Hill dwelling, at 2017 East Broad Street. Church Hill property is always available, and there will no doubt be a good attendance at the sale. J. Thompson Brown & Company sold

Sale.

New Suburb.

The suburban field around Richmond has not been fully occupied, much less overdone, and the latest field for public patrenage is the new addition of Norwood, which has just been opened through the splendid property of John B. Swartout, immediately adjoining Barron Heights, by the prolongation through the splendid property of John B. Swartout, immediately adjoining Barton Heights, by the prolongation and extension of some of the best and principal streets of the latter place, such as Lamb, Barton and North Avenues. Improvements have been made in a most substantial manner. Granolithic sidewalks have been laid; there is ample sewerage and an extension of the water mains, at considerable expense. Already nine houses are in course of construction and nearing completion in this pretty addition, which was nothing more than a cornfield last year. Several houses have been sold. Suburban property gives opportunity to a certain class of people who always pay rent, of securing modern, up-to-date dwellings, with all the advantages of the country and the improvements of the city.

the advantages of the country and the Improvements of the city. It is not generally known that every lot in the original plan of Barton Heights has been disposed of, and the place has been so built up that other additions of suburban sites are necessary for the overflowing population

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Vaughan & Williams are offering four and a half-acres of attractive property at Westhampton. The tract fronts 500 feet on Popular Avenue, and

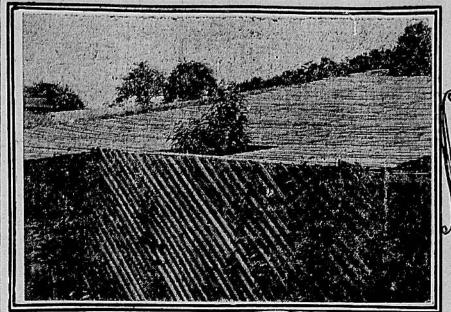
fronts \$00 feet on Popular Avenue, and is Ideally situated. Nearby property has sold well in the past, and it is expected that the sale of the present offering will soon be made.

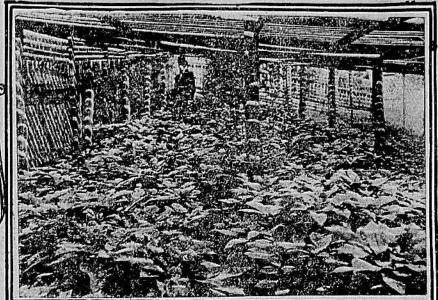
New Firm in Field.
One of the events of the week was the entering into the field of a new real estate firm, called Noonandson Realty Corporation, the members of which are Y. C. Noonan, G. E. Anderson and P. H. Mason, from whose ames the title of the firm is derived. The title of the firm is derived. The title of the new concern was suggested by one of the cierks in the office of the Corporation Commission when a charter was applied for. Mr. Noonan is a Georgian by birth. During the past few months he has been traveling throughout the Southern States in connection with loans and realty deals. He met Mr. Mason in Norfolk, and the two decided that Richmond afforded an excellent field, and, coming here, they formed a partnership with Mr. Anderson, who is a Richmonder, and who has been conducting the Anderson Realty and Law Company for several years.

Bids on the new building to be erected by the Main Street Bank at Fifteenth and Main Streets were opened last week, but the contract is yet to be given out.

list week, but the contract is yet to be given out. Renting continues steadily, and yes-terday one of the agents said that rent cards are coming down as fast they are being put up. The indications are that by Beptember 1, two-thirds of the houses will be taken.

GROWING GINSENG IN HIGHLAND COUNTY







Farmers Can't Be Too Particular in Selecting the Grains for Planting.

GROWER CAN BREED HIS SEED

How to Turn the Trick and Incidentally How to Buy Good Seed.

BY FRANK S. WOODSON.

ginia farmers and the youngsters who generally will be interested in the exhave caught on, and are catching on, periment of Mr. Simpson, to the up-to-date methods, and I have this is a fine crop for farment of Mr. Simpson.

ance by carefully interviewing an old mossback.

Coming at it by pursuing both of these methods, I have learned that a majority of the partial; and many of the total crop failures in the South are due almost, if not altogether, to inferior seed used in planting and sowing. Now I am not writing an advertisement for the seed-dealer. On the contrary, with the help of the information I have recently picked up here and there and with a liftle coaching I have had from S. A. Knapp, of the Bureau of Plant Industry of the United States government, I am going to show the corn growers how to make Mr. Simpson, who first achieved such

teristics of the preceding generations of that species, with the modifications which the previous culture, soil, olimate and selection have given it, and these it transmits to the future plants. In addition, the seed contains a little food to help the germ until the plant can become established in the soil.

While the types in seed are persistent along general lines, within their limits they admit of great modification by selection and cultivation. This applies to all kinds of seed that any Virginia farmer may ever have to use, but King Corn is the subject for discussion now.

Improvements of Corn by Seed Selection.

Crop Successfully Grown at Castle Haynes-Cultivation of Alfalfa.

buckwheat, one of the staple crops of the North and West, can be grown successfully and with profit in this section of North Carolina has been abundantly demonstrated this year by the experiment of W. T. Simpson, one of the settlers at the Castle Haynes colony, just above Wilmington. So far as known here, this is the first suc-I have been talking a good deal cessful attempt ever made in the of late with twentieth century Vir- State to raise buckwheat, and farmers

This is a fine crop for farmers who are : taking in new land, as it does been learning a great deal that is worth knowing. I have also been talk ing to numbers of old timers, even old fogles and mossbacks, and I have learned much from them also. It is sometimes to learn how not to do a thing, and a man can certainly obtain that kind of wisdom in abundance by carefully interviewing an old mossback.

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J. E. Pennybacker, of Government Department, Tells of Work Going On.

PRAISES TIMES-DISPATCH

Plan of R. F. D. Magazine to Form Clubs Throughout the United States.

(Rural Free Delivery) Magazine, J. E. Pennybacker, of the United States Office of Public Roads, has contributed a most interesting article, calling the attention of the people at large

part: Not since Peter the Hermit kindled Not since Peter the Hermit kindled the fires of religious zeal and sent the flower of European knighthood against the Moslem in the Crusades, has there been seen such widespread and enthusiastic zeal as marks the present good roads movement throughed the United States. Far off Oregon has just completed a whirly wind campaign, in which enthusiastic meetings were held in twenty-five counties, and this is merely to start the campaign. South Carolina is about to start a campaign lasting three months, which will reach every nook and corner of the State. The Georgia Federation of Road Authorities recently closed an enthusiastic convention at Savannah, and pledged itself to carry forward the movement which in five years has trebled Georgia's good roads mileage, and has placed an army of 5000 convicts at work counties and saw the entire tobacco crop points. the Bureau of Plant Industry of the United States government, I am goins to show the corn growers how to make and select their own seed, for when a farmer buys high-grade seed at the same buys high-grade seed at a farmer buys high-grade seed at the same provides of the same provides and selection become selection.

Alfalfa Experiments.

Al thanks to the united support of the press along its entire length—in actual process of construction. The press is waging a splendid and effective



PLANTS AND BERRIES AS THEY APPEAR AT FOUR YEARS OF AGE.

BRIGHT PROSPECTS IN TOBACCO MARKET

No Sales of Importance at This Season, but Outlook for Crop Is Good, Though There is Need of Rain.

dull There were no sales of importance, though, considering the season of the year, the market in the city continues strong.

The outlook for the crop in Virginia

pounds.

Last year, when the four warehouses of the city decided on a combline, wise ones wagged their heads
and saw the entire tobacco crop going
to Altavista, Bedford City, Appomattox and other smaller markets in the
territory, which has long been salling
here. here. The farmers at first were a little

The farmers at first were a little shy of the Lynchburg warehouses, but it did not take them long to accertain that the combination in Lynchburg was about the best thing that had happened for them in a long time, for they found that they could dispose of their to-bacco here quicker than ever before and that prices had not been affected in the slightest. They found, too, that the local tobacco men were protecting them against some of 'heir bad tenant; and in a few manths the producer, and the warehouse men were on the very best of terms.

The result was that the market was equally as large last year as it was the year previous, excepting that the farmers had not saved the 1909 primings, which they had done in 1908, and this caused a shrinkage in the cron-of between 3,000,000 and 4,000,000 pounds. As far as can be learned, the Lynchburg tobacco warehouses gave better satisfaction to the farmer last season than ever before. It certainly gave better satisfaction to the buyers, for quite frequently it was possible to double the breaks and hurry the sales through at one warehouse, instead of holding two breaks thus effecting a order the breaks and hurry the saids frough at one warehouse, instead of olding two breaks, thus effecting a lying of considerable time to the uyers.

The tobacco market was generally lieved when the season opens on September 1 that the feeling that will exist
between the seller and the warehouse
men will be better than ever before,
leads have been set out in various parts If this proves to be the fact, it seems of the country, and some of them assured that not a little tobacco will proved successful. The cultivated roots come here this coming season that did so far marketed, within the past ten

house has been fully completed, and all arrangements have been made to open the warehouse for the season on Monday, August 22. The citizens of Washington are planning to give the far-mers and tobacco growers of Beaufort and adjoining counties a good oldmittee composed of a number of ren-esentative business men, has the mat-er in charge, and it is making in oreparations to give the different to-acco growers a hearty and cordial welcome to Washington. In addition to the dinner, a number of noted speakers will address the farmers and t brass band will furnish the music or the occasion. A large number of nvitations, have been sent out and a big crowd is expected.

PRIZE-WINNERS ANNOUNCED.

Awards at Tasley Fair for Best Irish and Sweet Potatoes.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Tasley, Va., August 6.—The prizes given for Irish and sweet potatoes, which were awarded yesterday, are the largest ever offered by any fair association on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. There are fitty-eight entries

Accomac. Winners of prizes in round potatoes— First prize, \$75, Wm. S. Milliner, Accomac; second prize, \$35, J. C. Finney, Franktown; third prize, \$20, Wm. J. Simpkins, Eastville; fourth prize, \$10. the saving of considerable time to the Simpkins, Eastville; fourth prize, \$10, that buyers.

The trade will even be better during the coming tobseco year, and it is besuccess in every way.

WONDERFUL HERB

Grows to Perfection in the Mountains of Virginia.

EXPERIMENTS IN **HIGHLAND COUNTY**

Suddarth's Surprising Success. Immense Demand in China for Mysterious Root-Regarded With Superstitious Reverence-500,000,000 People Pay Big Price for It.

> BY FRANK S. WOODSON, Industrial Editor.

As will hereinafter appear, to use a pet phrase of the lawyers, consider-able interest is being manifested in Virginia and other parts of the South in the plant known as ginseng. However, as yet very few Virginians, comparatively speaking, know much about this herb. The Industrial Section is this herb. The Industrial Section is in the business of furnishing information on any and all subjects that are or likely to be, of interest and value to those who have the industrial and agricultural development of the old State at heart. Hence I have been studying up on ginseng, and think I am now prepared to throw a few electricitight flashes on the subject. Ginseng is, or was, a Chinese plant and is called in the language of China "jin-tsang," the hyphenated word mean-

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Ginseng is, or was, a Chinese plant and is called in the language of China "jin-tsang," the hyphenated word meaning: in the likeness of a man. It was given this name because originally, and new, in many instances, the plant, which is very valuable, grows somewhat in the shape of a human being. Considerable quantities of the berb is also found in Korea. It has a yellowish root which is very highly esteemed by the Chinese, who believe that it possesses extraordinary medicinal virtues for any and all diseases, particularly for exhaustion of body and mind. This belief is so firmly lodged in the minds of the Asiatics that it amounts to a superstition, and specimens of the herb resembling the human form sometimes sell for their weight in gold.

Found in American Forests.

This species, which grows almost altogether in China and Kprea, is from one to two feet tall, has five almost smooth leaves, with long petioles, between which arise the long-stalked, fan-shaped flowers which are succeeded by numerous scarlet berries. A description of this species and its medicinal properties led to the discovery, more than 100 years ago, of the American species, which so closely resembles Asiatic ginseng that an extensive export trade in the wild roots soon followed its introduction in China. The natural range of American ginseng, is from the Mississippi eastward, but it is largely confined to highlands and the mountains of the South, although some grows in the North, and it is claimed that the limited supply found in the mountainous sections of the North is better than that in the warmer sections, but this is to be doubted. The decreasing supply of wild ginseng has been insufficient to meet the demand, and the price has risen from fifty to sixty cents per pound fifty or more years ago, to from \$7\$ to \$9\$ per pound at the present time.

Experiments by Cultivators.

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This state of affairs led people in various section of the mountainous country to make experiments in growing the herb. All of the experiments were failures, until a man away up in New York successfully grew the plant in beds in the forest. He later succeeded in growing it under an artificial shade of lath.

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come here this coming season that did not come here last year.

The outlook for the crop in Virginia and in the Piedmont section generally looks fairly good, though there is need of rain. In Eastern North Carolina the outlook is not so good, and the crop will be short.

Tobacco Sales in Lynchburg.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Lynchburg. Va., August 6.—When the last year.

Come here this coming season that did not come here last year.

The retail merchants of the city, too, are realizing that the combination of the specimens which grew wild in the mountains of Virginia, West Virginia, dand Kentucky; but whether this is due to increased demand in that time or to the superiority of the cultivated article is a question.

Mashington, N. C., August 6.—Washington was to bouse has been fully completed and all looks, friable loam, rich in humus, potash and phosphoric acid, but not house has been fully completed and all looks.

potash and phosphoric acid, but not in nitrogen. In its present state of development the root requires from three to five years to reach marketable size, but when the fancy figures it commands are considered the grower can afford to be patient, equally as much so as the Virginia fruit grower and orchardist, for, like the apple tree, when the ginseng once begins to when the ginseng once begins to come in paying quantities there is no more planting and cultivation, for the root is in the ground for keeps, or at least for a decade.

Virginia Catches On.
In the Industrial Section the claim has often been set forth that anything that grows out of the ground that is worth cultivating can be successfully cultivated somewhere in old Virginia. I believe that is true—tropteal fruits and plants excepted, of course, Virginia is getting a good deal of Virginia is getting a good deal of Chinese money by the support of the support of the successful ginseng cultivators in this State are up in Highland county, and as I am constantly getting letters from farmers inquiring about the valuable plant, how it is planted and grown, how it pays, etc., I have written to that county for information.

H. F Slaven, the valued correspondent of The Times-Dispatch in that region, has come across with a very metricing story of how A. C. Sud-

vrites: Highland County's New Indus "Ginseng culture in Highland

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